

RUBIN PAUL D  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RUBIN PAUL D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
[CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC., 60 WESTVIEW STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/22/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

LEXINGTON, MA 02421

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					9,866	I	Held by Daughter (1)
Common Stock	03/22/2006		M	72,933 D \$ 0.38	114,303	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.38	03/22/2006		M	72,933	<sup>(2)</sup> 10/19/2012	Common Stock	72,933

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUBIN PAUL D C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC. 60 WESTVIEW STREET LEXINGTON, MA 02421	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Scott B. Townsend, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul D. Rubin Pursuant to Power of Attorney

03/22/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represents shares held by the daughter of the reporting person. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) Of the option to purchase 72,933 shares of Common Stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. originally granted on October 9, 2002, one-half of the underlying shares vested in 2003 and the remaining shares vested in 2004, in each case after the completion of a set of goals approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

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